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Subject: West Lake public survey misconception

Karl and Mark,

On Monday we became aware of residents in the state of Missouri receiving calls about the West Lake Landfill. From what we've heard, some people are under the impression that the callers are from the EPA. Ed Smith of the Missouri Coalition for the Environment called and inquired if we were making these calls. He subsequently posted to the West Lake Landfill Facebook page that the calls were not from EPA.

Ben Washburn spoke with Russ Knocke, Director of Communications for Republic Services, and he confirmed that the Coalition to Keep Us Safe (<http://coalitiontokeepussafe.com/>) is the organization making the calls. This group is sponsored by Republic Services. Due to confusion on behalf of the Missouri residents regarding who was making the calls, he asked Russ to provide a copy of the script that is used to make the calls. Russ declined to provide that copy but told Ben that "these conversations begin with the clear representation that the caller is calling on behalf of the Coalition...there is complete transparency with respect to what Coalition members are saying and doing."

We are planning to post an item in our West Lake update for your review noting that EPA is not connected to these calls.

Best,
Curtis